World History

Muhammad and Islam Article Questions

1. What was Muhammad’s life and background like?
2. How did Arabs view the afterlife? What did Muhammad preach about the afterlife?
3. Why did Islam’s popularity grow (what things did it promote that people liked)?
4. What did Muhammad do in 630?
5. What is Jihad?
6. What areas did Islam spread its rule over between 633 and 718? Who prevented them from taking France?
7. Who succeed Muhammad as the new Islamic leader?
8. What is a Shi’a? What is a Sunni?
9. Who were the Umayyads? Where did they make their capital?
10. What successes and what struggles did the Umayyads have?
11. What did the Abbasids focus on when they took over? Where did they move the capital? What was life like in the capital under Abbasid rule?
12. What educational advances came about under Islamic rule?
13. What was Arab art known for?
14. What was the biggest impact of the Islamic empire?